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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE/AID MESSAGE

FOR AMBASSADORS AND SENIOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

SUBJ: STAFFDEL LOWENSTEIN-MOSSE VISIT TO THAILAND

1. JAMES LOWENSTEIN AND RICHARD MOOSE, STAFF MEMBERS FOR THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON U.S. SECURITY COMMITMENTS ABROAD (SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE) WILL BE VISITING THAILAND, INCLUDING MILITARY AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS, AS PART OF A THREE-WEEK TRIP BEGINNING JANUARY 10, 1972 (STATE 224388). THEY WILL THEN RETURN TO U.S., INCLUDING A TWO-DAY VISIT AT HEADQUARTERS PACOM EN ROUTE. AT END OF THAILAND VISIT, THEY MAY, DEPENDING ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS, ALSO INCLUDE STOP IN CAMBODIA TO UPDATE THEIR INFORMATION ON THAT COUNTRY. NO PRESENT PLANS TO VISIT LAOS OR VIETNAM.

2. STAFFDEL STATE THAT OBJECTIVE IS SIMPLY TO UPDATE INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE IN SYMINGTON HEARINGS OF 1969. PRODUCT IS TO BE CLASSIFIED REPORT BY THEM TO SUBCOMMITTEE (WITH LIKELY PUBLIC RELEASE OF SUCH PORTIONS OF REPORT AS EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGREES TO DECLASSIFY). THIS IS PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY THEM RE LAOS LAST APRIL. AS AMBASSADOR UNGER WAS AWAY FROM POST AT THAT TIME, IT MAY BE HELPFUL IF AMBASSADOR GODLEY INFORMALLY ADVISE HIM OF

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NATURE OF HIS CONTACTS WITH STAFFDEL. SAME APPLIES FOR AMBAS-
SADOR SWANK'S EARLIER CONTACTS WITH THEM RE CAMBODIA.

3. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE RECONSTITUTED SUBCOMMITTEE ARE:
"SUBJECT TO SPECIAL FACT-FINDING REQUESTS WHICH THE FULL COM-
MITTEE MAY SUBMIT FROM TIME TO TIME, THIS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ITS
OWN MOTION WILL FOCUS PARTICULAR ATTENTION ON OVERSEAS COMMIT-
MENTS AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES ABROAD WHICH AFFECT THE FOREIGN
RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. DURING THE FORTHCOMING CONGRESS,
THIS WILL REQUIRE THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY THE
QUESTION OF THE DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITY IN THE OVERSEAS INTEL-
LIGENCE COMMUNITY AND OF SECRECY IN THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN
POLICY IN A DEMOCRACY."

4. BOTH STAFF MEMBERS WERE FORMERLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
AND MOOSE ALSO WITH NSC STAFF, AND HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPER-
IENCE WITH SFRC. THEY ARE HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND WELL PREPARED.
FROM PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HERE, WE TEND TO BELIEVE THAT THEIR
APPROACH WILL BE BOTH MORE SOPHISTICATED AND MORE UNDERSTANDING
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS THAN WAS THAT OF THEIR PREDE-
CESSORS, MESSRS. PINCUS AND PAUL. NEVERTHELESS, THEIR APPROACH
WILL LIKELY BE THAT OF PARTICIPANTS IN AN ADVERSARY PROCESS.

5. WE THINK THEY WILL BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER AND TO
WHAT EXTENT U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND COMMITMENTS IN ASIA MAKE
MORE DIFFICULT THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUN-
IST GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THEY MAY ALSO REPORT ON THAI
VIEWS OF THREAT POSED BY DRV AND PRC AND HENCE POSE QUESTIONS ON
SUCH PROBLEMS AS THE PRC ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN LAOS. ATTENTION
ALSO LIKELY TO FOCUS ON SYMINGTON CONCERNS THAT WHILE WAR IS
WINDING DOWN IN VIETNAM, U.S. INVOLVEMENT AND ACTIVITY IS IN-
CREASING ELSEWHERE IN SEA. THEY MAY TRY TO DEVELOP VIEWS ON ROLE
OF THAILAND IN POST T-DAY U.S. DEPLOYMENTS, IN WHICH RESPECT
ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL SYMINGTON HAS HERETOFORE ACCEPTED EXECU-

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TIVE BRANCH WITNESS STATEMENTS THAT NO DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS. LOWENSTEIN HAS ASKED TO READ TAKSIN PLAN.

6. BOTH OFFICERS CARRY TOP SECRET CLEARANCE AND SHOULD BE GIVEN A FULL AND FRANK EXPOSITION OF THE SITUATION AND PROBLEMS IN YOUR COUNTRY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE FOREGOING, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE:

A. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE DECIDED THAT WITNESSES BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO TESTIFY ON (1) NUCLEAR MATTERS, (2) MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANS OR RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, PAST, PRESENT OR PROPOSED (INCLUDING OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF ANY JOINT INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS), (3) OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF SENSITIVE OPERATIONS, THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH IS LIKELY TO JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF U.S. FORCES; (4) IF MAP PLANS AND PROGRAMS BEYOND FY 1972 ARE BROUGHT UP, YOU SHOULD ONLY SAY NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BEYOND FY 1972. INFORMATION PROVIDED COMMITTEE STAFF SHOULD BE LIMITED ACCORDINGLY. HOWEVER, STAFF WAS SUPPLIED PACAF REG. 55-2 IN CONNECTION WITH EARLIER HEARINGS. MOREOVER, POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS ON BOMBING IN SEA MAY BE DISCUSSED. INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENTS ABROAD AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS THEREOF WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO FULL SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. FURTHER INQUIRIES BY STAFFDEL SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON. STAFF MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS POSITION PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE.

B. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT NO TESTIMONY WILL BE GIVEN ON INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS EXCEPT BY THE DIRECTORS OF CIA, NSA, AND DIA, AS THE CASE MAY BE, UNDER SPECIAL SECURITY PROCEDURES. EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL WITH RESPONSIBILITIES TO DIR NSA, WHO WILL BE GUIDED BY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, REFERENCES TO NSA INSTALLATIONS, PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO MOST GENERAL STATEMENT OF FACT THEY EXIST, AND DETAILS LEFT TO BE HANDLED BY DIR NSA REPRESENTATIVES. IF ASKED FOR DETAILS OF ANY OTHER INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, STAFF MEMBERS SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT ONLY THE DIRECTORS OF THE RESPECTIVE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES MAY PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD GENERALLY RESTRICT COMMENTS TO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF INTELLIGENCE PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES.

7. REQUESTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS

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OTHER THAN THAT MADE PUBLIC SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR ANSWER.

8. REQUESTS FOR ANY INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS ABOUT WHICH THERE IS ANY DOUBT SHOULD BE REFERRED PROMPTLY TO WASHINGTON. EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION OVER DENIAL OF ACCESS TO SUCH MATERIAL. BUT, IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY ADVISE STAFF YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FURNISH DOCUMENTS OF CERTAIN SENSITIVITY AT THE POST, BUT ARE REFERRING THEIR REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

9. DESIRE TO REITERATE THE POLICY OF STATE, AID, AND DEFENSE TO COOPERATE IN ASSISTING THE STAFF TO PURSUE ITS INVESTIGATION WHICH IS WELL WITHIN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONGRESS. WE WILL ADVISE THEM IN A GENERAL WAY OF THE SENSE OF THIS INSTRUCTION.

10. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE IN DETAIL AS TO THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STAFF, THE INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, THE DOCUMENTS TO WHICH THEY HAD ACCESS AND THOSE WHICH THEY HAD REQUESTED BUT NOT SEEN. COPIES OF ALL PAPERS PROVIDED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON.

11. COMMITTEE STAFF HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY WILL WISH TO SPEAK WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND YOU SHOULD FACILITATE AS APPROPRIATE.

12. ADDRESSEES ADVISE SUBORDINATE POSTS AND COMMANDS AS APPROPRIATE.

13. ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS AND OF ALL CHANGES IN ITINERARY.

✓ 14. LOWENSTEIN HAS JUST ADVISED THAT EN ROUTE TO BANGKOK HE WILL MEET WITH SYMINGTON IN ROME.

15. MILITARY TRANSPORTATION BEING AUTHORIZED BY SEPTTEL. IRWI

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